

Choctaw

*National Wildlife
Refuge Bird List*



Welcome to the Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge, one of over 500 refuges administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This 4,218 acre refuge is bordered on its East by almost 7 miles of the Tombigbee River, which is part of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. The refuge was established in 1964 in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Coffeerville Lock & Dam Project.

The refuge activities are primarily focused to provide for: threatened/endangered species, maintaining diversity, wildlife dependent recreation, habitat for wintering waterfowl and wood duck production and banding. Over 400 artificial wood duck nesting boxes are maintained for brood production.

The refuge habitat is a combination of hardwood bottomlands, fields, croplands, moist soil units, ponds, and sloughs. This diverse habitat, which lies between 30-50 feet above sea level, combined with its variety of management provides for excellent bird and wildlife watching.



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How to use your checklist

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

Seasonal appearance

- W Winter... December - February
- Sp Spring... March - May
- S Summer... June - August
- F Fall... September - November

Seasonal abundance

- a. abundant (a common species which is very numerous)
- c. common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
- u. uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)
- o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
- s. suspected (not recorded on the refuge, but may occur based on nearby records)



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- x. accidental (out of normal species range)

* known or suspected to have nested on refuge or known to nest locally.

	<i>W</i>	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>
___ Bonaparte's Gull	s							
___ Ring-billed Gull	s							
___ Herring Gull	s							
___ Capian Tern		r	r					
Pigeons and Doves								
___ *Mourning Dove	u	u	u	u				
Cuckoos, Roadrunners and Anis								
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo		c	c	r				
Barn Owls								
___ Barn Owl	s							
Typical Owls								
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl	o	o	s	s				
___ Great Horned Owl	o	o	o	o				
___ *Barred Owl	u	u	u	u				
Goatsuckers								
___ Chuck-will's-widow		o	o					
Swifts								
___ Chimney Swift		u	u	o				
Hummingbirds								
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		o	o					
Kingfishers								
___ *Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	u				
Woodpeckers and Allias								
___ *Red-headed Woodpecker	c	c		c				
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker	a	a	a	a				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u			o				
___ *Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c				
___ *Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u				
___ *Northern Flicker	c	o		c				
___ *Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c				
Tyrant Flycatchers								
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		u	u	u				
___ *Acadian Flycatcher		c	c	r				
___ Eastern Phoebe	a			a				
___ *Great Crested Flycatcher		c	c					
___ *Eastern Kingbird		c	c					
Shrikes								
___ Loggerhead Shrike	s	s	s	s				
Vireos								
___ *White-eyed Vireo	u	a	c	u				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo		u	o					
___ Blue-Headed Vireo	r							
___ *Red-eyed Vireo		a	c					
crows and Jays								
___ *Blue Jay	c	u	u	c				
___ *American Crow	a	a	a	a				
___ *Fish Crow	c	c	c	c				
Swallows								
___ Purple Martin		u	u					
___ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow			c	u				
___ Barn Swallow		o						
Chickadees and Titmice								
___ *Carolina Chickadee	a	a	a	a				
___ *Tufted Titmouse	a	a	a	a				
Nuthatches								
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch							r	
Creepers								
___ Brown Creeper	s							
Wrens								
___ *Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c				
___ House Wren		s						
___ Winter Wren	u							
Kinglets								
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	r							r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	u						u
Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers								
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		u	o					
Thrushes								
___ *Eastern Bluebird	c	u	u					
___ Hermit Thrush	r							
___ *Wood Thrush		u	r	u				
___ American Robin	a							
Mockingbirds, thrashers and Allies								
___ Gray Catbird		u						c
___ Northern Mockingbird	r							r

___ Brown Thrasher	W	SP	S	F
	u		r	u

Starlings

___ *European Starling		o	o	
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Wagtails and pipits

___ American Pipit		o		
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Waxwings

___ Cedar Waxwing		u		
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Wood warblers

___ Blue-winged Warbler				r
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___ *Northern Parula		a	c	r
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___ Yellow Warbler		r		
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___ Magnolia Warbler				r
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___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	c		c
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___ Black-throated Green Warbler				r
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___ *Yellow-throated Warbler		c	o	
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___ Pine Warbler	u	o		o
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___ Prairie Warbler		r		
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___ Blackpoll Warbler		r		
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___ Black-and-white Warbler		r		r
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___ *American Redstart		a	u	u
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___ *Prothonotary Warbler		a	u	o
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___ Swainson's Warbler		s		
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___ Ovenbird				r
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___ Louisiana Waterthrush				
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s ___ *Kentucky Warbler		u	o	
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___ *Common Yellowthroat	c	c	o	c
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___ *Hooded Warbler		c	u	o
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___ *Yellow-breasted Chat		c	o	
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Tanagers

___ *Summer Tanager		c	o	
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___ Scarlet Tanager		o		
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Emberizids

___ Eastern Towhee	u	o		o
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___ Chipping Sparrow		o	r	
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___ Savannah Sparrow	u			
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___ Fox Sparrow	s			
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___ Song Sparrow	c			o
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___ Swamp Sparrow	c			o
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___ White-throated Sparrow	a	c		o
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___ Dark-eyed Junco	s			
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Cardinals, Saltators and Allies

___ *Northern Cardinal	a	a	a	a
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___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		r		
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___ Blue Grosbeak	W	SP	S	F
___ *Indigo Bunting		r	c	o

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Blackbirds

___ Bobolink		u		
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___ *Red-winged Blackbird	a	c	c	a
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___ Eastern Meadowlark	r			
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___ *Common Grackle	u	o	o	u
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___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	u	o	o	o
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___ Orchard Oriole		o	o	
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___ Baltimore Oriole		s		
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Fringilline and Cardueline Finches and Allies

___ Purple Finch	s			
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___ House Finch		s	s	
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___ Pine Siskin	s	s		
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___ American Goldfinch	c	c		
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This 1997-99 revised checklist is based on observations by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service refuge personnel; Elizabeth French, Ph.D., University of Mobile and associates; Mobile Bay Audubon Society members; and local authorities from Alabama D.C.N.R., Division of Game & Fish. If you should have an unusual sighting or find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in keeping all our records updated.

The refuge is divided into three sections by two wide creeks. Only the north end of the refuge is accessible by vehicle. The rest of the refuge from the mouth of Okatuppa Creek south can only be accessed by boat using the waters of the Tombigbee River, Okatuppa and/or Turkey Creeks.

*Please take care not to disturb refuge visitors, or any nesting, feeding or resting birds. **DO NOT LITTER.** Help prevent the refuge birds from becoming entangled in trash or mistaking garbage for food.*

Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

No. of species

Route or area

Observers

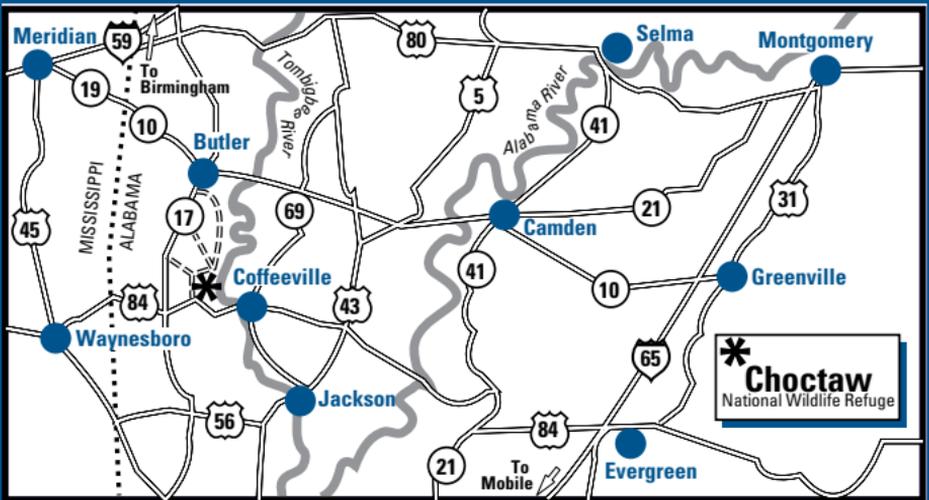
Remarks



This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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Driving Direction:

From Coffeerville, Alabama take Highway 84 across Tombigbee River going West. Take County Road 21 to Barrytown. Turn right on County Road 14 to refuge road. Watch for refuge signs from Highway 84 on to the refuge.